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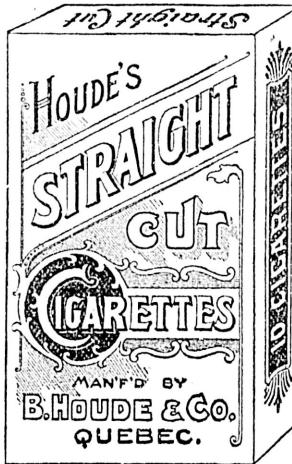
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Clery Moves Through Perilous
Passes But Methuen
Across Open Veldt.

Gatacre May Score First by
Raising Flag Over Free
State Capital.

By Associated Press.

London, Nov. 23.—Three British generals will vie with each other in the next ten days in trying to win glory against the Boers. While they are co-operating in a movement which has tactical unity in its progress, their commands as far as immediate objectives are concerned are independent of each other. The result of this rivalry among them is inevitable, and the military clubs here will follow the three campaigns with the keenest interest. The three commanders are Major-General Charles P. Clery, in Natal, who will lead the advance to relieve Ladysmith; Major-General Paul S. Methuen, commanding the flying column which has already started to relieve Kimberley, and Major-General William W. Gatacre, commanding the British forces at Queenstown, the central position in Cape Colony, who will push forward to the Orange Free State border, with the object of diverting the Boers from the two British movements to the east and west. All three generals have served with distinction in India, Egypt or South Africa. Clery is an authority on tactics; Methuen has commanded the Boerhaanland Horse and knows as much as the Boers about South Africa fighting; Gatacre is an all-round fighter, who has seen long service in India and fought with Kitchener in Egypt.

Two relief expeditions will hold public interest from the start. They are of widely different characters. Clery in Natal, is preparing to lead an army of horse, foot and dragoons, with heavy guns up through tortuous passes, where his advance will be stubbornly contested. His ability will be tested to the utmost and his success will accrue to him gradually, culminating in the wresting of Ladysmith from the Boers. Methuen's advance to relieve Kimberley will be over the open veldt. He has no heavy artillery, and his operations will consist of dashes of a brilliant nature and an

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British Loss Was Sixty Killed and 167 Wounded and Missing.

By Associated Press.

London, Nov. 23.—The secretary for war has received the following despatch through Gen. Forester Walker from Gen. Methuen dated Belmont, November 23:

"Attacked the enemy at daybreak this morning. He was in strong position. Three ridges were carried in succession, the last being prepared by shrapnel. The infantry behaved splendidly and received support from the Naval brigade and artillery. The enemy fought with courage and skill."

"Had I attacked later I should have had far heavier losses. Our victory was complete. Have taken forty prisoners. Am burying good number of the Boers, but the greater part of the enemy's dead and wounded were removed by their comrades. Have captured a large number of horses and cows and destroyed a large quantity of ammunition. Brigadier-General Featherstonhaugh was severely wounded and Lt.-Col. Crabb of the Grenadier Guards is reported wounded. Our other casualties are:

Grenadier Guards Third Batt.—Killed, Lt. Fryer; wounded, Lt. Blundell, dangerous. Second Batt.—Wounded, Lt. Leslie, Lt. Vaughan, Lt. Gurdon, Lt. Bowe and Lt. Russell; reported wounded, Lt. Lyon and Lt. Cameron. Grenadier Guards—Rank and file—Killed, 26; wounded, 36; missing, 13.

Coldstream Guards, First Batt.—Killed, Lt. Grant; Second Batt.—Wounded, Lt. Burton, the latter severely. Rank and file—Killed, 8; wounded, 33; missing, 5.

Scots Guards First Batt.—Wounded, Major the Hon. North Dalmally Hamilton, severely; Lt. Balkely and Lt. Alexander, Rank and file—Killed, 9; wounded, 34.

Northumbrian Fusiliers First Batt.—Killed, Capt. Pager and Lt. Brines; wounded, Major Rashwood and Lt. Festing, dangerously; Capt. Sapte and Lt. Fishbourne, severely. Rank and file—Killed, 12; wounded, 32.

Northampton Regiment Second Batt.—Wounded, Capt. Freeland and Lt. Barton, severely.

South Yorkshire Regiment Second Batt.—Rank and file, wounded, 3.

CAPE SYMPATHIZER THERE.

Orange River, Nov. 23.—The Hon. Mr. Legal, a member of Cape Colony legislative council, who has just returned here from Belmont, says the British troops engaged the Boers this side of Belmont, their artillery practice being splendid. The British infantry carried the kopjes at the point of the bayonet and drove the Boers from their positions.

LONDON KNOWS NO MORE.

London, Nov. 24., 5 a.m.—Before anxiety as to the situation in Natal had been relieved there comes news of a great battle at Belmont. This has happened sooner than was expected. Only the official account is yet to hand, but so far as can be gathered the fighting appears to have been almost a repetition of the battle of Elandsbaagte. A despatch of the previous day estimated that the Boers in that vicinity numbered 2,000 and that they had five guns, and judging from the absence of any statement to the contrary in the official despatch it is believed that the British were slightly superior in numbers to the enemy. The Boers had chosen a position with their customary skill and were strongly entrenched. The British were obliged to carry three ridges in succession. Apparently the Guards bore the brunt in carrying the last ridge by a bayonet charge after its defenders had been shaken with

White Takes Offensive.

Report That He Has Severely Punished Boer Remnant at Ladysmith.

Big Naval Guns Landed at Durban--More Cavalry for Africa.

By Associated Press.

London, Nov. 24, 5 a.m.--The situation in Natal remains obscure. Fighting is reported at both Estcourt and Ladysmith. It was at first reported that heavy firing had been heard in the direction of Willow Grange, leading to a belief that Gen. Hildyard had made a sortie. Later despatches announced that White sortied from Ladysmith and inflicted a demoralizing defeat upon the Boers. It would be premature to give full credence to either report. It is quite certain that the Ladysmith, Estcourt and Mooi River stations are all isolated, and the Boers seem able after detaching enough to hold three British forces aggregating 17,000 to push on toward Pietermaritzburg with some 7,000 men.

A disquieting feature of the whole is the fact that none of the advancing British generals reports meeting the Boers in force.

In view of the success of Gen. Joubert in partially paralyzing the relief columns, the question is being asked what would have happened had he at the outset of the war, instead of sitting down before Ladysmith, pushed on to Pietermaritzburg.

Gen. Gatacre's report that the Dutch are rising causes public anxiety, as it tends to confirm rumors that have long been current.

A special despatch from Durban announces that big naval guns were landed Wednesday and hurried to the front.

Prince Christian Victor left Mooi River camp before it was invested, bearing despatches to Pietermaritzburg.

Last evening it was asserted at Aldershot that the Sixth division, now in process of mobilization, will be required for active service. Some of the yeomanary regiments have been warned for mobilization, owing to the scarcity of cavalry in Africa. It is also reported that another brigade of horse artillery will be mobilized.

The diary of events at Mafeking up to November 15 has arrived. It gives little that is new. At that date Col. Baden-Powell had no idea of being relieved for a fortnight, or perhaps for a month. Both Mafeking and Kimberley, however, seem to be quiet.

Durban, Nov. 23, 7:15 p.m.--The Natal Times this evening says: "During a night attack on Sunday Gen. White captured several Boer positions with guns and much material."

BASUTO LABOR NEEDED.

Boers Persuading the Natives to Take in Crops Which Otherwise Would Rot.

London, Nov. 23.--An official despatch from Sir Alfred Milner to Mr. Chamberlain reports that thus far the efforts of the Boers to provoke an uprising among the Basutos or to start civil war in Cape Colony have been unsuccessful.

The Boers informed Chief Jonathan that if he would join them he would be defeated. If he remained neutral they told him he would not be molested, but they declared that he must expel the British magistrate and allow his fellow tribesmen to pass freely in the Orange Free State, whose government would in return guarantee Basutoland to the Basutos in perpetuity.

The great concern of the Boers is the crops, which will rot unless Basuto labor can be obtained. Evidently the natives have been affected by the representations of repeated successes.

THE TERMS OF PEACE.

British Will Accept Nothing Short of Occupation of Offending Capitals --The Dutch Assured.

London, Nov. 24.--The Daily Chronicle says: "We learn that the cabinet has decided that the basis of settlement in South Africa will be a United South Africa modelled upon the Canadian plan. The details have not yet been settled, but it is practically certain that no terms of peace will be accepted by the British government short of the British occupation of Pretoria and Bloemfontein."

Cape Town, Nov. 23.--Sir Alfred Milner has issued a proclamation to the people of Cape Colony in the course of which he says:

"It is my duty to dispel false reports regarding the policy and intentions of the Imperial government. Misleading statements from beyond the border represent the Imperial authorities as desiring to oppress the Dutch, and the idea has spread abroad that the Dutch will be deprived of their constitutional rights. This is absolutely untrue. The Imperial government desired the greatest freedom of self-government for both Dutch and British, and the extension, not the curtailment, of the constitutional rights, which are solely endangered by rebellion. The Imperial government keeps firmly to the principles of equal freedom for all loyal colonists."

A LULL AT KIMBERLEY.

Boers Cease the Attack and Are Securing Themselves Against Methuen's Assault.

London, Nov. 23.--The war office this evening issued a despatch from Cape-town which is a brief official diary of events at Kimberley from November 12 to 17. It shows that no serious engagement occurred between these dates, that the British losses have been infinitely small and that the Boers' were probably very small. The final entry indicates that the Boers, anticipating the advance of the relief column under Gen. Methuen, have taken up defensive positions to the south of the town. The despatches follow:

"Kimberly, Nov. 12.--The Boers fired 400 shells yesterday. Our expenditure up to date is about 290 shells."

"Nov. 13.--There was a desultory bombardment to-day, the Boers' practice being indifferent."

"Nov. 14.--The bombardment continued."

"Nov. 15.--At daybreak our mounted troops made a sortie. The morning was misty and our scouts came suddenly upon the Boers, who fired wildly. An engagement ensued. We had ten men wounded."

"Nov. 17.--There was another sortie at 2 o'clock yesterday from Bulwer, which drove the enemy to the edge of Alexanderfontein. Our only casualty was a captain wounded. It is reported that the Boers are concentrating south of Kimberley and now occupy laagers at Steigzichtfontein station and Schoen's Nek. Their camp is practically surrounded by coppice and the country is suitable for their tactics."

FOUR HUNDRED SLAIN.

Egyptian Troops Signally Defeat Imperial Dervishes Without Loss Themselves

By Associated Press.

Cairo, Nov. 23.--Gen. Wingate, with the Egyptian force, moved from Faklik yesterday to attack the force of Ahmed Fedil, reported to be at Drefissa, 23 miles from the river Nile on the road to Ginch. The Sirdar, Gen. Kitchener, telegraphs to Lord Cromer, British minister, as follows:

"Dardurman, Nov. 22.--Wingate found Drefissa evacuated. He pushed through Al-Arabiadil, four miles further and found Fedil's forces encamped."

"They were northward engaged by the mounted troops under Mahon, with four Maxim and two guns, and Jahadieh under Corringe."

"The dervishes charged with all the old dash to within 80 yards of the guns. Wingate, with the infantry, arrived in time to support Mahon and cleared the whole camp."

"The dervishes bolted through the bush pursued by the mounted troops."

"Wingate estimates Fedil's force at 2,500 men, of whom 400 were killed."

"Wingate captured many prisoners, grain rifles and spears."

"The Egyptians had three wounded."

ENGAGED AT MOOI RIVER.

Boers Attempt to Shell the British Camp but Do Little Damage.

Mooi River, Natal, Nov. 23, 10 a.m.--The Boer guns began to shell the camp at 5 a.m.

The British artillery is in position on high ground to the east, west and north of the station.

The artillery duel was continued until eight, when it ceased for an hour. The Boers recommended at 9 o'clock and dropped three shells into the camp. They are still firing at intervals with no damage, although their aim is good.

A patrol of the Thornycroft Horse has returned from the direction of Rosetta and reports all quiet there.

HOSPITAL SHIP MAINE.

Medical Student Found Dead with Bruises Indicating a Murder.

Toledo, O., Nov. 23.--W. L. Thomas of Bradford, Ont., a medical student at a local college, met death mysteriously at Ironville, a suburb, early this morning. His body was found under the derrick of an oil well at 9 o'clock. His clothing was wet and bedraggled and there are contusions on his head and face. Little is known of Thomas here. He has been working his way through college and was employed by Dr. T. A. Miller, 625 Adams street, who identified him, at 8 o'clock this evening. It is thought that Thomas was murdered.

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Mr. Chamberlain also had an interview with Emperor William.

A YACHTING DISPUTE.

American Admiral Finds That His Presence There Might Make Complications.

New York, Nov. 23.--"You will wait further orders before any vessel of your command visits any African port," is the latest admonition of Secretary Long to Admiral Schley.

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Royal St. Lawrence Club on Its Dignity About an Offensive Letter.

Montreal, Nov. 22.--A general meeting of the Royal St. Lawrence Yacht Club was held to-night to consider the report of the sailing committee on the Seawanhaka cup races. The report went fully into details of the disputed fifth race, which Constance protested as her centre board had struck. It pointed out that there was ample room for manoeuvring, that the course was changed three times when it might not have been changed at all had it not been with a desire to give the Constance no cause for complaint and to give them fair play. Annexed to the report was a letter from the sailing committee of the Seawanhaka which was couched in such terms that it was felt that gentleman could hardly be expected to consider it. An acknowledgment of its receipt was sent without comment. The report of the Royal St. Lawrence sailing committee was adopted unanimously and endorsed. The general feeling was that the cup should be sent back, but it was decided to keep it to back up the rulings of the sailing committee.

Mr. Horrick Duggan, the designer and skipper of Glenairay III, pointed out that in two previous cases Glenairay grounded but no protest was entered, and Constance won both, did not offer to sell them over again.

The letter detailing the opinion of last night's meeting will be sent to the Seawanhaka Yacht Club, not to the sailing committee, whose views it was hoped do not represent those of the members of the club.

AN OHIO MYSTERY.

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A TERRIBLE CRIME.

Woman and Her Three Children Killed and Mutilated by Second Husband.

Williamsport, Pa., Nov. 23.--The horribly mutilated body of a woman and her three children were found at their home on a small farm about a mile from the town of Montgomery, this county.

A short time ago a peddler named Hummel married the widow of a farmer and took up his residence with her on the farm. The widow had three children.

For the past week neighbors passing the farm noticed there was no sign of life.

An investigation was made today and to the horror of the investigators the bodies of two of the children were found hidden beneath a straw stack. On going into the house the bodies of the mother and the other child were found in the sleeping apartment.

Hummel was seen at Montgomery yesterday but nothing is known of his whereabouts since that time.

A SICK PUGILIST.

New York, Nov. 24.--At the home of Charles (Kid) McCoy, the fighter, at White Plains, N.Y., to-night it was said that the pugilist was not in so serious condition as had been reported in New York. He has recently consulted a physician and has been advised to refrain from severe training for a few weeks and take a complete rest.

ATLANTIC RATES RAISED.

New York, Nov. 23.--The White Star line and the Atlantic Transport line have announced their new rate of passage for the season of 1899. In both cases the rates have been advanced about 50 per cent.

THE POISONING TRIAL.

New York, Nov. 23.--At the close of the day's proceedings in the trial of Roland Molinette, six jurors occupied seats in the jury box, just half the number received before the trial can begin.

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THE SAMOAN PARTITION.

Two Treaties Ready for Final Delivery, Closing This Interesting Bargain.

Washington, Nov. 23.--Two treaties for the final partition of the Samoan Islands have been drawn and one of them already has been signed. The main treaty is tripartite in character, between Great Britain, the United States and Germany, by which the territorial arrangement of the islands is fixed. It is quite brief, comprising only four or five articles, the essential features being that Great Britain and Germany renounce all claims and interests in the island of Tutuila and the outlying islands, which go to the United States, and this government and Great Britain renounce all interest in Upolu and Savuia, which go to Germany. The present indication is that the treaty will be signed in Washington, in which case Secretary Hayes and Ambassador Pancreote and Von Holleben will be the signatory parties, although it is still possible that the execution of the document may occur in London.

The second treaty is between the United States and Samoa, covering the rights and interests in the Tonga and Solomon islands and other settlements brought about by the Samoan partition. The United States does not sign this treaty, and is only indirectly concerned. It is understood that this collateral treaty has already been signed in Berlin, and that the signing of the tripartite treaty will bring to a close the negotiations for the division of the islands.

ANGLICAN CHURCH AFFAIRS.

Bishop of Ontario to Retire--Trouble Over a Toronto Rectorate.

Toronto, Nov. 23.--(Special)--The Bishop of Ontario withholds his consent to the appointment of Rev. John De Seymours as director of St. James' Cathedral and at a joint meeting between him and the committee he suggested several other names, none of which were accepted.

Winnipeg, Man., Nov. 23.--The Bishop of Toronto pushed matters to a crisis this afternoon by appointing the Rev. A. H. Baldwin to the position, who has accepted conditionally on congregational approval. The congregation say he is not acceptable and will carry the matter to the courts.

Kingston, Nov. 23.--Archbishop Lewis has given notice of his retirement as bishop of the Diocese of Ontario, to take effect in May, 1900. This is due to old age and infirmities. He has been bishop 38 years. The diocese will give him a retiring allowance of \$2,000.

THE EMPEROR'S VISIT.

Festivities at the Castle Interrupted by Death of Princess of Leiningen.

Windsor, Nov. 23.--Emperor William, the Prince of Wales, the Duke of Connaught and Prince Christian of Schleswig-Holstein hunted in the great park to-day. The two young German princes visited the houses of parliament in London in the forenoon.

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Finance and Commerce

New York, Nov. 23.—The stock market was a whole continued dull and neglected, while professional operators worked their will with a few stocks, marking them up or offering them down successively. A singular feature of the very narrow market was the number of extremely low priced stocks, usually designated as "cents" and "dogs," which were taken up and moved widely. Prices closed as follows:

Amm. Cotton Oil	37 1/4
Amm. Tobacco	118 1/2
Amm. Sugar	158 1/2
Amm. Spirits	118 1/2
Anaconda	40
A. T. & S. F. all paid	27 1/2
A. S. & W.	48 1/2
B. R. O.	50
B. R. T.	88 1/2
Can. Sou.	54
C. & O.	28 1/2
C. B. & Q.	133
Chilco. I. & P.	113 1/2
C. G. & St. P.	123 1/2
C. Tob. com.	42 1/2
Cou. Gas. N. Y.	160 1/2
C. C. & St. L.	63 1/2
D. L. & W.	189
D. & R. G. pfld.	80 1/2
Fed. Steel pfld.	130
G. P.	121 1/2
J. C.	86 1/2
L. & N.	100 1/2
Man. Elec.	169 1/2
Mo. Pac.	48 1/2
Met.	141
N. P. com. new.	55 1/2
W. P. pfld.	57 1/2
N. Y. & H.	137 1/2
N. Y. L. E. W. 1st pfld.	37 1/2
N. Y. O. & W.	25 1/2
Omaha com.	117 1/2
Pac. Mail.	26 1/2
P. & R. all paid	134
Sea. B. & W. way com.	43 1/2
Sou. Pac.	114 1/2
T. C. & L.	19 1/2
Tex. & Pac.	23 1/2
U. S. Leather	47 1/2
U. P. com.	23
Wabash pfld.	98 1/2
C. P. R. in London.	183 1/2
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CHICAGO, Nov. 23.					
Wheat—	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	
May	71	71 1/2	69 1/2	69 1/2	
Dec.	66 1/2	67	66 1/2	66 1/2	
Corn—					
May	33 1/2	33 1/2	33 1/2	33 1/2	
Dec.	32 1/2	32 1/2	32 1/2	32 1/2	
Pork—					
Jan.	9.50	9.50	9.50	9.50	
Dec.	8.00	8.07 1/2	8.00	8.05	
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HAZARD OF BALLOONING.

Sudden Sunlight Causes Expansion and Bursting and Aeronauts Narrowly Escape.

New York, Nov. 23.—One of the most thrilling balloon adventures ever recorded in related in London, England. The trip was participated in by the Rev. J. M. Bacon, the well known balloonist, his daughter and Stanley Spencer, an aeronaut of fame. The trip above the clouds was made for the purpose of viewing the expected fall of the Leonides a few nights ago, and Mr. Bacon's account of it is cables to the New York World. The balloonist says:

"Our observations continued with a wet for fog surrounding us until 6 in the morning, when it became desirable to descend. But at that moment sunlight struck the silk, which began to dry off, the gas grew warmer, the balloon rising rapidly into space, mounting by leaps of 500 to 600 feet every 15 minutes till by 9 in the morning we had reached an altitude of 6,000 feet and were still soaring."

"We could have torn open the valve, but would have been killed. Soon we heard loud reports overhead, the moist shrunken netting giving out under the hot sun, yielding to the rapidly expanding gas. The aneroid barometer registered 9,000 feet now, and we were still rising. It could not be long before we would be over the Atlantic ocean. My daughter had a number of telegraph forms and she manifested a message to coast guards to be ready to rescue us and began dropping them overboard. We have since discovered that we were then crossing the 20-mile stretch of the Bristol channel. It was a race between the gas and the wind, and our lives were at stake."

"It was about 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon before the balloon fell below the clouds. The basket sunk to the tops of some trees and in the impact Miss Bacon had an arm broken. The party got out to find they had landed in Wales."

WHATCOM PHILOSOPHIES.

Nooksack Freshet Welcomed as Likely to Remove Cause of Annual Overflow.

Whatcom, Nov. 22.—A combination of good and evil is resulting from a freshet of the Nooksack river. At the mouth of the river, seven miles from Whatcom, is the Lummi Indian village, the reservation church, school, house, etc. Part of the village has already been swept away, and the destruction of the church and other buildings seems inevitable. The Indians are moving their effects to higher ground. Three years ago there were seventy-five cabins and houses in the village, but every year has diminished the number. This year will make the ancient village a thing of the past.

The good the freshet is causing is in the cutting of a new channel around an immense log jam that has totally blocked navigation in the river since 1894, and has been the cause of periodical overflows of some of the finest farming land in Whatcom county, and a loss of thousands of dollars.

Last year the river cut a small channel around the village, but the present high water has sent a flood through the village, cutting a wide and apparently deep channel before it. The farmers are confident that relief has come.

FARMERS' INSTITUTES.

Local Transportation Companies Assist in Bringing Speakers from Across the Sound.

The programme for the regular meetings of Farmers' Institutes has been arranged by the superintendent, Mr. J. R. Anderson, for the whole province, with the exception of Matsqui, Langley, Surrey and Delta institutes, which are in the course of arrangement. The following is the programme as far as it is settled:

Gibaldi Island, Monday, 27th November, to be addressed by Mr. Washington Grinner, Pender Island; and Mr. R. M. Palmer, Inspector of fruit pests, Victoria.

Parksville, Tuesday, 28th November—Mr. G. V. Field Johnson, Vancouver; and Mr. W. Grinner, Pender Island.

Alberni, Wednesday, 29th November—Same speakers.

Comox, Thursday, 30th November—Rev. G. W. Taylor, Nanaimo; and Mr. R. M. Palmer, Victoria.

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PERSONAL.

DISASTERS TO SHIPPING.

British Ship Duntrune Lost With Part of Crew—Newfoundland Sailors Rescued.

J. C. Taft, Moresby Island, is a New England guest.

L. J. Boscowitz returned from Vancouver last evening.

H. L. Salmon came home from Vancouver last evening.

T. D. Conway, of Chemainus, is a guest at the Victoria.

A. C. Flumerfelt returned from Vancouver yesterday.

James Dumusur, M.P.P., returned from Nanaimo yesterday.

A. Ewen, the Fraser River canner, is a guest at the Drild.

John Coughlan was a passenger from the Mainland last evening.

E. J. and Mrs. Palmer, of Chemainus, registered at the Drild yesterday.

Guy Macgowan came over from Vancouver last evening and is at the Drild.

R. Collister, Inspector of hulls, was a passenger from Vancouver last evening.

L. H. Hardie was among the Victorians returning from Vancouver yesterday.

George Ramsay, of the Ramsay Confectionery Co., Vancouver, is at the New England.

Canon and Mrs. Good, of Nanaimo, are at the Victoria. They leave shortly for England.

W. H. Lynch, of Ottawa, who has recently returned from the Atlin district, is a Drild guest.

The members of "The Stranger in New York" Company spent yesterday at the Victoria and Dominion.

E. V. Bodwell returned from Vancouver last evening, having been over to attend a sitting of the Full court.

The 11 members of the crew who left the Quebec in the second boat when she was abandoned have not been heard from.

Christiansand, Nov. 23.—Word is received here from Bratvar that the British steamer Coquet, from Quebec for Sunderland, after drifting since November 19, when she was abandoned by the captain and crew, has gone ashore near here. She has been examined and her bottom found badly injured, in addition to some minor damages. There is little hope of salvage, as the stranded steamer is in a difficult position to work upon. The 11 members of the crew who left the Quebec in the second boat when she was abandoned have not been heard from.

George Barnett, a George Name chain owner, is spending a few days at the Dawson, and is there exhibiting to friends a sample of the surface dirt from this now famous field. On the bedrock this particular pay streak is said to have returned as much as \$10 to a single pan.

D. E. Mackenzie and bride, nee Cameron, New Westminster, are guests at the Victoria. Mr. Mackenzie is a brother-in-law of Constable Walker, of the city police force.

Attorney-General Henderson, Robert Cassidy, Arthur Davy and Oscar C. Bassett returned from Nanaimo yesterday, the Special Rule Arbitration Commission having adjourned until Tuesday.

Thomas Geoghan, John Gillespie and A. Gallatin, form a trio of recently returned Klondikers at the Dawson. Mr. Gillespie is on his way to his former home in Calio, Idaho, and Mr. Gallatin, bound for San Pedro, Calif.

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Douglas Flint, the basso and comedian, an old favorite of Victoria comic opera patrons, is now with the "Stranger in New York." He and Mrs. Flint were guests at the Dominion yesterday. Harry Rogers and Fred Landers, of the same company, also made this house their headquarters during their brief visit to Victoria.

LOANS FOR THE DOUKS.

Canadian Government Again to Be Bunker of Much Discussed Strangers.

Toronto, Nov. 15.—Mr. John Ashworth, of Manchester, Eng., who has been investigating the condition of the colony of Doukhobors recently settled in the Northwest, says:

"In the spring assistance will, in all probability, be required in order to provide the new settlers with horses, cattle, agricultural implements and seed.

"Whatever money is needed to assist the settlers should be in the form of loans, at a small rate of interest, and repayable as may be arranged in each particular case. These loans should be issued under the care of the government. Since coming to this decision I have learned that the government is preparing a scheme of loans to the Doukhobors. If this be correct it will relieve those who are interested in their welfare from the necessity of subscribing private funds, which would be in the nature of gifts."

VISIONS OF VAST FLOOD.

Denison, Tex., Nov. 23.—This section is in the early stages of a flood that threatens to be the most dangerous known in many years. Thousands of acres of valuable farming lands are under water. Families are fleeing for their lives from the bottom lands. Last night the situation was decidedly serious, as it was thought many houses would be swept away.

Who have tested the merits of Dr. A. W. Chase Kidney-Liver Pill return the verdict that for blackjack and kidney disorders there is no preparation in any way equal to this great discovery of Dr. A. W. Chase's greatest physician. This great preparation will go by all dealers at 25 cents a box, and has proved most effectual as a remedy for the many ills to which women are subject.

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Of All Newsdealers and at the
Office of Publication.**THE WAR.**

The entire absence for some days of

anything that could be called news from

the seat of war made intelligent comment

upon the situation difficult. The simple

fact was that no one outside

of South Africa knew what was

going on. It will be remembered

that Buller was said to have intimated

before he left home that he proposed to

have a free hand. A few things seemed

certain, namely, that Gen. White is in

Ladysmith with about 10,000 fighting

men and is able to take care of himself

for the present; that Gen. Hildyard is

at Estcourt and apparently quite safe

though not strong enough to take the

offensive; that Gen. Barton is in much

the same position at Mooi River and that

Gen. Clery is advancing from Durban

with a strong force. Joubert's army

seems to be scattered over a wide ex-

panse of country. From his most north-

ern flank at Ladysmith to his most

southerly flank at Moi the distance is

nearly, if not quite, ninety miles, and

unless his army is a great deal more

formidable in numbers than any one has

supposed, he is likely to find it very dif-

ficult to handle it so as to resist Clery's

advance.

The reports from the Free State to the

effect that its people had enough of

the war coming coincident with the

news of Gen. Gatacre's intended advance

make the story dramatically complete,

but that at present is all that can be said

about them.

The defeat of the Boers at Belmont

by Gen. Methuen's column that is ad-

vancing to the relief of Kimberley is the

opening scene in the second act of the

South African drama. Belmont is be-

tween forty and fifty miles from Kimberley

and is the point where it was ex-

pected that a determined effort would be

made to check the relief column. The

effort has been made and failed. We ex-

pect therefore to hear not later than Sat-

urday that communication has been re-

established with Kimberley.

The statement that the Boers are re-

tiring from Natal for the defence of

Bloemfontein is not at all surprising, as

this seems to be the wisest course for

them to adopt. With Gatacre advanc-

ing from the south, the Free Staters can

hardly be willing to remain in Natal

and see their retreat cut off when our

advance from Durban makes their pos-

ition untenable.

THE MAYOR AND**THE REPORTERS.**

We are in receipt of the following let-

ter from His Worship the Mayor, which

we think will be accepted by all con-

cerned as closing the incident therein

referred to. Newspapers are and ought

to be jealous of anything reflecting upon

their reliability, but they are always

ready to accept cordially any assurance

such as Mr. Redfern gives in his letter.

His Worship says:

To the Editor:

I regret that any misunderstanding

should have arisen as to the idea I in-

tended to convey when I said "I think

it only arises in the lively and vivid

imagination of the reporters or the per-

son who transcribed the reporter's notes."

I had not the slightest thought or

intention of imputing to them or to

any person connected with the press any

improper motives, or of questioning their

integrity or veracity, but simply wished

it to be understood that I thought an

error had been made in reporting what

took place at that meeting of the Police

Commissioners. If I had thought that

such inferences could or would have been

drawn from the words I used, I cer-

tainly would not have uttered them.

You report me as having said "could

only have existed in the vivid imagina-

tion of the reporters or of the person

who transcribed the report" which is not

quite correct, it being an absolute state-

ment, while my remark was only an ex-

pression of opinion.

CHAS. E. REDFERN.

VICTORIA WEST.

The people of Victoria West have at

last made themselves heard, and there

is now every prospect that their reason-

able requests will be complied with.

They must not relax in this activity be-

cause of the very friendly conference

with the city council, for we all know the fondness of municipal bodies to put off till to-morrow as many things as can be postponed. The Westerners have succeeded, and we are glad to say principally through the medium of the Colonist in getting their views and requests fully and fairly before their fellow citizens generally, and these will secure ample recognition, if they keep a watchful eye upon the Council.

As we anticipated, Alderman Kinsman said that he only spoke of tar and feathers in a Pickwickian sense, and this causus belli being removed a modus vivendi can readily be reached. We think the people across the Arm made out an excellent case for better fire protection and for the lighting and improvement of the road on the Indian Reserve. We also think that if the portion of the reserve above Point Ellice bridge and adjoining the Arm can be got as a recreation ground for the low rent of \$100 a year, there would be no objection to a lease of it being taken and some improvements being made. In the end it would be wise to act on the Mayor's suggestion and secure a title to the fee when the Reserve matter is finally adjusted.

In the matter of Craigflower road, we understand that the city is no longer a party to the dispute, the question at issue being whether the land belongs to private owners or is vested in the crown. This can only be tested in the courts, and at the expense of such individuals as may care to assume the responsibility. It is just as well that this point should be thoroughly understood in order to prevent the city officials from being held responsible in public opinion in connection with any litigation which may hereafter grow out of the dispute. The whole matter now stands upon the same footing as any other private matter.

We think the public generally can congratulate themselves upon the outcome of the discussion of Victoria West's particular interests. It has led to a much better understanding all round. It illustrates the good effect of free and full debate of all matters of a public nature.

NO LABOR ISSUE.

The Inland Sentinel has worked itself up to quite a fever heat over the alleged "intention of a strong and influential faction" to deprive "white men of the opportunities of labor the natural resources of the province otherwise so abundantly offer." Our principal objection to what the Sentinel says is that it is not true. No man or combination of men is seeking to do what the Sentinel alleges. We take it for granted that the large employers of labor in this country have quite too much good sense and are quite as patriotic as any one else. On all large problems involving the investment of money or the development of the province their views possess great weight and their co-operation is eagerly sought. It is reasonable to think that on the alleged question whether this is to be "a white man's country" their interests ought to be in favor of an affirmative answer.

The employment of cheap labor is not an issue in British Columbia, however much certain political agitators may seek to make it so. There is no desire on the part of any one to oust white laborers and supplant Chinese. There may be a very strong objection on the part of men who invest their capital in mines or manufactures to permit others to dictate to them as to whom they shall employ, but the universal desire of employers of labor is to give the preference to white labor wherever it is possible. There is no labor issue in British Columbia, and those who pretend that there is are simply seeking to create class prejudice in the hope of enhancing their own political influence. The interests of employers and employed in this province are absolutely identical.

THE SLOCAN TROUBLE.

We reprinted yesterday from the Nelson Tribune a very severe attack upon the provincial government for having permitted the owners of the Payne mine to employ special constables to protect their property and employees from possible violence on the part of the members of the Miners' Union. The Tribune takes the very extraordinary position that since the union has not asked for the employment of force to enable it to keep wages at \$3.50 for an eight-hour day, it is not right that men should be protected who are willing to work for \$3.00. This contention exposes the fallacy of the cause of the union, for if it is admitted to be sound we concede that there exists in the community a power that is superior to the law as declared by Parliament or the legislature. If any labor union has a right to declare what the rate of wages shall be and to compel obedience to its declarations by such means as it thinks proper to employ, and may even call upon the government to give legal sanction and support to its decree, an imperium in imperio has been erected, and the industrial interests of the country are in the hands of an oligarchy composed of irresponsible labor agitators.

Our view of the matter is that it has always been the duty of the government since the eight-hour law was passed to see first that the law was observed and secondly that employers had all the protection needed to enable them to work their mines under the law. The mine owners did not ask for the new legislation, and they have the right to demand that it shall not be used to their prejudice, as it would be if the government were to stand idly by and see them compelled to allow their mines to remain idle or else submit to the dictates of irresponsible unions. The legislation of last session does not touch the question of wages. It simply deals with the hours of employment. The matter of wages is something that was never broached, and in the absence of anything to the contrary, it is to be presumed that the leg-

islature was only dealing with the length of the legal working day, leaving the wages to be adjusted between employers and employed.

We can easily understand and to some degree sympathize with the Tribune's condemnation of the course taken by the government. Mr. Semlin and his colleagues have been posing as the champions of labor. Mr. Cotton has told us that we have only seen the beginning of the social reforms. Mr. Ralph Smith, M.P.P., speaking at Nelson on Labor Day, said that if the owners would not work the mines under the new arrangements the government would step in and do so, paying the owners a reasonable interest on their investment. Certainly the Miners' Union had good enough reason to think that while the Colonist and other opposition papers might naturally demand protection from the government in the exercise of their legal rights, the government would not do anything to hamper the union in its effort to secure ten hours' pay for eight hours' work. We think we discern in the new departure of the government the more or less fine Italian hand of one Francis Carter-Cotton, whose predilection for running with the hare and hunting with the hounds has on several occasions been pointed out in the Colonist.

SLIGHTING THE COAST.

A correspondent has directed the Colonist's attention to the fact that Mr. Charleson, who erected the telegraph line to Dawson for the Federal government, brought his workmen with him from Montreal, and that their expenses out to the Coast were paid in addition to their wages. If this is correct, explanations are certainly called for. We admit that difficulty might have been experienced if Mr. Charleson had waited until he got to the Yukon before hiring his men. It will be conceded that it was wise to take them north to do the work. But what we think calls for explanation is the hiring of men in the East, when all the necessary labor could have been secured in the Coast cities. We also ob-

serve that some of our friends discussing the

THE POLICE CHIEF.

From the Victoria Times.

This morning the Colonist passed a few remarks upon the Chief of the Victoria police force which were not necessarily severe. On the contrary, it is decidedly refreshing to have so unequivocal a statement upon a question that is vexing the best of our citizens.

We have been at some trouble to ascertain from a very large number of our leading merchants and other men closely identified with the city's progress and prosperity, just what they think of the present Chief of Police, and we are bound to say that the opinion on the matter is practically unanimous. There is now no desire, as there was a few years ago, to shield or condone the conduct of the chief constable; all who were spoken to expressed with varying degrees of vehemence the impatience they felt at the condition of things. One gentleman put the matter in what we think is rather a novel light by pointing out the extremely bad advertisement Victoria is getting from those recurrent squabbles about the behavior of the most important municipal service. What will strangers think of a city that tolerates those notorious misnances? is the question our friend asked. As he further urged, it is almost a fatal objection in the view of the most desirable class of settlers to find that the police department of the place in which they wish to settle is not above suspicion. The kind of people that Victoria wants to see coming here will not come if they get wind of such a state of affairs as has been revealed by the investigation now going on.

It is not a pleasant thing to have to discuss the personality of an official, but the press and people of Victoria are not to blame because the necessity for such discussion is painfully obvious. The thing must be done in an earnest and helpful spirit if the present unpleasant state of affairs is to be ended. There is a general agreement amongst those citizens whom we have consulted that Chief Sheppard has many excellent qualities. He is an amiable man, kind-hearted and considerate, and he has worked hard as Chief of Police, but it is beyond dispute that he lacks that strength of purpose so necessary in one occupying a position where decision of character is above all things needed. Chief Sheppard has shown that he has weaknesses which are distinct hindrances to the proper management of a police force.

Some of our friends discussing the

Diary of the War.

TUESDAY, OCT. 10—

Kruger issues his ultimatum. Troops from India arrive at Ladysmith. Laing's Nek occupied by the Boers.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 11—

Orange Free State troops enter Natal.

THURSDAY, OCT. 12—

War formally declared by the Transvaal.

FRIDAY, OCT. 13—

Gen. Botha with Boer force occupies Bothas Pass. Capt. Nesbitt's armored train captured by the Boers. Col. Pit Clarence checks Boer advance near Mafeking.

SATURDAY, OCT. 14—

Mafeking invested by the Boers. Fighting near Mafeking and Spitzfontein. Boers occupied Spitzkop, near Newcastle. Kimberley invested by the Boers. Boers occupied Newcastle.

SUNDAY, OCT. 15—

Boers repulsed at Spruitfontein. Vryburg occupied by the Boers.

MONDAY, OCT. 16—

Boers advance on Glencoe. Boer repulse at Mafeking reported. Bo

VICTORIA TIDES.

[By Mr. Napier Denison.]

The zero of the accompanying scale corresponds to 14 feet of water in the channel off Shoal Point, and 18.6 feet above the sill of the Esquimalt dry dock.

Friday, Nov. 24. Saturday, Nov. 25.

Time.	Height above zero	Time.	Height above zero
1:30 a.m.	5.6 feet	2:00 a.m.	5.8 feet
10:00 a.m.	8.0 feet	10:40 a.m.	8.6 feet
4:00 p.m.	-6.7 feet	5:00 p.m.	5.8 feet
7:00 p.m.	7.1 feet	10:00 p.m.	6.9 feet

basement. Mr. Hooper has about completed plans for a two-story and basement building to replace the old Teutonia saloon on Government street.

Nothing Will Interfere.—The Victoria Hunt Club races at Colwood on Saturday will take place, rain or shine.

Died at Simpson.—News has been received from Port Simpson of the death of G. Brennan, a storekeeper in that town.

Victoria Illustrated.—A recent issue of the Canadian Architect contains a picture of the handsome cottage of Mr. T. C. Sorby at the corner of Menzies and Kingston streets, James Bay.

Charge Withdrawn.—The charge against two boys of stealing nets from George Mitchell was yesterday withdrawn by Supt. Hussey, as it was shown that there was no criminal intent.

Prayer Meeting.—The prayer meeting at the Young Women's Christian Association will be held to-day (Friday) instead of Saturday. The Rev. W. L. Clay will conduct the meeting. All are cordially invited.

Christmas Cakes and Plum Puddings at Clay's, 39 Front street.

Dairymen's Association.—Mr. H. F. Page, of Matsqui, president of the Provincial Dairymen's Association, will represent British Columbia at the meeting of the Washington association to be held at North Yakima from December 28 to 30.

Women's Exchange.—Copies of the rules for the Women's Exchange may be had at the Y.W.C.A. rooms, 32 Rae street, from the general secretary, who will gladly give any information on the subject. Any one wishing to put articles for sale in the exchange will kindly communicate with the secretary, Mrs. Schroeder, 32 Rae street.

Assaulted a Chinaman.—In the provincial police court yesterday afternoon two young men were charged with assaulting a Chinaman. It appears that the Chinaman was walking on the plank which crosses Spencer's cellar when one of the boys attempted to push him off. To save himself the Chinaman took hold of his tormentor and then the second boy took a hand. The original aggressor was fined \$1.25 and \$1.25 costs, and the other \$2.50 and \$1.25 costs.

Illustrated Lecture.—The school room of St. John's church was well filled last evening, when Mr. Wallace, an engineer in the employ of Her Majesty's service, gave an illustrated talk on the scenery of England and the ships of the British fleet, old and new. The programme opened with the singing of the national anthem, and was interspersed with music, the boys of the choir contributing a number of selections. St. John's Sunday school reaped the benefit of the entertainment, and to Mr. Wallace was given a sum of money.

Cheapest and best restaurant in the city—the International, 40 Johnson street. Open all night.

Hot lunch at the Manhattan from 11 a.m. to midnight.

Mr. and Mrs. Kosche have removed their hair store to 55 Douglas street.

Golf.—Just arrived, a splendid stock of Golf Goods at Henry Short & Sons, 72 Douglas street.

The man on the street corner advertises his wares—by wind. If you buy and find you are sold, it's your fault. You take no chances in buying "Hondi." Ask all those friends of yours who use it.

The Xmas numbers this year will be better value than ever, they say. Order from us now, if you want to be sure of securing copies. Victoria Book and Stationery Co. (late Jamison's)

Welcome Donation.—The honorary treasurer of the British Columbia Protestant Orphans' Home thankfully acknowledges the receipt of \$153, being the proceeds of a benefit concert got up by Miriam Rebekah Lodge, No. 3, I.O.O.F., of Nanaimo, B.C., in aid of the orphange.

Craigflower Road Dispute.—Will be settled after the Hunt Club races at Colwood Saturday, November 25.

Elected Delegates.—At the regular weekly meeting of the W. C. T. U. yesterday afternoon Mrs. Sherwood, Mrs. Spain, Mrs. White and Mrs. McDonald were elected delegates to the annual meeting of the women's council to be held in the city hall on December 11 between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. The question of securing better quarters for the W. C. T. U. was left to be discussed at a parlor meeting to be held at the residence of Mrs. Godlaire a week from next Thursday.

Thanks Returned.—Mrs. Fitzherbert Bullen and the Rev. W. D. Barber desire to express their cordial thanks to all the ladies and gentlemen who took part in the programme and in the hall arrangements, the soldiers of the Fifth regiment, the sailors from H.M. ships and the large number of friends in the audience who united in making the effort on behalf of St. Saviour's church building fund such a complete success both artistically and financially.

A bouquet of carnations is represented by a single drop of "Czarina Carnations" perfume—fragrant, delicate and lasting. Ask to see it. We enjoy showing our perfumes. Also a full line of Sachet Powders for Christmas and toilet cases, F. W. Fawcett & Co., 49 Government street.

Contract Awarded.—The contract for Mr. Thomas Earle's building on Yates street between Oriental and Waddington alleys has been awarded by Mr. Thomas Hooper, the architect, to Mr. James Baker, whose tender was in the neighborhood of \$11,000. The building is to be of stone and brick with pressed brick front and will be three stories with a

BISLEY CONDITIONS CHANGE.

Standing Position at Two Hundred Yards with Large Rings—Kneeling at Five Hundred.

FIFTH REGIMENT BALL.

Annual Event to Be Held on December 15.—The Different Committees.

It has been decided to hold the annual ball of the Fifth Regiment on the fifteenth of next month. Arrangements are already being made and the ball gives promise of eclipsing even that of last year.

Competitions and sub-committees appointed look after the events are as follows:

Chairman: Major Williams; secretary, Sergt. Mulcahy; assistant secretary, Sergt. Major Mulcahy; treasurer, Gr. R. H. Johnston; refreshment committee, Grs. Stevenson, Short, Penketh, Stevenson and Riedel; floor-laying committee, Grs. Lawrie, Colby and Mallandaine; decorating committee, Corp. McTavish, Staff-Sergt. McLean, Dr. H. H. Gr. Lawson, G.H. Louie and Bandmaster Finn; music, Sergt. Major Mulcahy, Bandmaster Finn and Gr. Vigor; reception, Major Williams; Sergt. Major Mulcahy, Corp. Worlock, Grs. Taylor and Gr. Lawson; master of ceremonies, Sergt. Major Mulcahy; floor managers, Staff-Sergt. Corp. Worlock, Grs. Lawson, Colby, Lawrie and Johnston. The general committee has determined already to make a charge of 25 cents for the gentlemen's cloak room.

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No. 2 Boys Brigade v. South Park.

The next game in the Victoria Junior League series will be played at Beacon hill to-morrow afternoon between the old rivals—No. 2 Company Boys Brigade and South Park.

The game will commence at 2 o'clock sharp. The teams are as follows:

Boys Brigade—Goal, W. Leveridge;

A. Haughton and A. Belyea; half-backs, F. Cutts, C. Temple and H. Ross;

Campy; forwards, W. Edmonds, W. Ross, J. Clegg, J. Anderson and R. Finlayson;

South Park—Goal, Criddle; backs,

Jennison and Laing; half-backs, Fox,

Morrison and Ireland; forwards, Finlayson, Burns, Johnson, Fisher and Phillips.

Official referee, A. Netherby.

OFFICIAL NOTIFICATIONS.

Applications to Be Made to the Legislature at the Next Session.

Yesterday's official Gazette contains notice of the appointment of T. Tilley, of Bella Bella, and H. Bryndale, of Bella Bella as Justices of the peace for the province.

Mr. Justice Irving has made orders winding up the Alliance Prospecting Syndicate of British Columbia and Spie's Shingle Mills Company.

Vancouver's Court of Revision will be held on December 11.

The companies incorporated during the week follow: Noble Five Consolidated Co., of Cody; capital \$12,000. Bonfire Gold Mining Co., of Rossland; capital \$800,000. Lava-Butte Consolidated, of Rossland; capital \$1,000,000.

The following applications will be made at the next session of the legislature:

Mason & Bradburn, for the necessary power to authorize the corporation of Victoria to give a lease of the James Bay flats, as contemplated in the Croft scheme.

For the extension of the time for the completion of the Vancouver & Luis Island Railway Act (1894) Amendment Act, 1897.

To incorporate a company to build a railroad from Horseshoe Bay, in Nanaimo district, then northwardly to a point on the Nanaimo lakes, thence to the head of Alberni canal, with power to build a branch line to Chemainus river.

For the incorporation of a company to construct and operate a railroad from Victoria to a point on the eastern boundary of the province.

FIFTH REGIMENT BALL.

Annual Event to Be Held on December 15.—The Different Committees.

It has been decided to hold the annual ball of the Fifth Regiment on the fifteenth of next month. Arrangements are already being made and the ball gives promise of eclipsing even that of last year.

Position—In all volunteer competitions and (unless otherwise excepted) in all-comers' competitions the positions will be: At 200 yards, standing; 500, standing or kneeling; 600, standing, sitting, kneeling or prone; 800 and upwards, any.

Targets—The dimensions and divisions of targets will be as at present, except that the third class target will be 4 feet by 4 feet; bullet, 12 inches; inner, 24 inches; magpie, 36 inches; outer, rest of target.

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How Money Was Wasted.

Thousands of Dollars Thrown Away in the Yukon Valley.

Longest Route Selected for the Dominion Government Telegraph Line.

A correspondent has given the Colonist a few facts in connection with Dominion government works in the Yukon valley during the past season, that show that economy has not been the watchword of the Laurier administration. Mr. J. B. Charleson, the superintendent, arrived at Bennett on April 1, the correspondent says, accompanied by a staff of assistants of all kinds and all imported from the Eastern provinces at great expense for transportation and keep, although all the necessary help and better than that brought West could have been obtained in the district. The material and tools, many of which will never see use in the country, were hauled to Bennett at great expense and the poles were purchased at Bennett and shipped down the river, although 20 cent. could have been saved by cutting them along the line. The telegraph follows the windings of the river. The government built a new trail, which they claim is 140 miles shorter than the one following the river. The correspondent asks "why was not the line built along the new trail and 140 miles of wire saved?"

A LADY CLERK'S DIAMONDS.

Toronto, Nov. 23.—William E. Dunn, clerk in the audit department of the parliament buildings, pleaded guilty this morning to stealing two diamond rings, valued respectively at \$375 and \$75, from Mrs. Nolan, clerk in the department of neglected children. He was remanded for sentence.

THE DEAD VICE-PRESIDENT.

Washington, Nov. 23.—As dean of the diplomatic corps, Lord Pauncefote has received a number of inquiries as to whether the corps will attend the funeral of Vice-President Hobart in person. It was decided that this attendance was inexpedient, and instead most of the ambassadors and ministers have sent sympathetic messages to the family of the deceased.

Chicago, Nov. 23.—The board of trade and the local stock exchange will be closed Saturday out of respect for the late vice-president.

Good races at Colwood Saturday, 25th. Take E. & N. train at 2 p.m.

NEW SOUTH WALES WHEAT.

Sydney, N.S.W., Nov. 22.—The government statistician's report regarding the past season's wheat crop indicates that it is nearly double that of last year.

Saturday's Race Meeting.—Yesterday's fine weather was taken fullest advantage of throughout the nearby districts to exercise the horses that are to make tomorrow's racing at Colwood. The card is well filled, and as weather is no longer to be depended upon the Hunt Club announce that the meeting will be brought off at the day and hour now set, even if the floodgates of the sky should be opened. Special trains to bear Victorians to and from the sport will leave the Store street depot at 2 o'clock, and Colwood at 5:15, the round trip fare of 50 cents including admission to the grounds.

If Mr. Charleson was incapable of doing his duties, it seems his assistants and engineers were as bad and had no knowledge of the topography of the country. Mr. Tache, who was to improve the river, should have gone to where the work was required to be done in place of building log houses and taking pictures. One week with practical men on Thirty-Mile river at a small outlay they would have saved hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of property from being destroyed.

Letters to the Editor.

PARTY LINES DISCUSSED.

Sir: Unfortunately I did not receive my copy of the Colonist of the 16th inst., or I would have sent a reply to a portion of a letter signed "L. C." and appearing in the issue referred to. I do not propose to enter into a discussion as to what some correspondent has said in the Times or as to the merits or demerits of either the "Turner government" or the "Seminole combination," but merely reply to some of the most glaring misstatements of L. C. regarding the convention of Conservatives lately held at New Westminster. I was present at that convention and can and will tell the truth as to what took place. L. C. says he is a Conservative, yet he either wilfully or from want of knowledge makes a statement which is not in accordance with the facts. I blame L. C. for his wrongful action in making a very serious charge against the Conservative party, because, being a Conservative, he ought to have made due enquiry, so as to have discovered what was the truth before he put his pen to paper to circulate an utterly false statement to the general public. What did take place at the convention is no wretched property, and the sooner it is known the better for all parties. At the convention held in Vancouver a year ago a resolution was brought forward advocating the introduction of "Dominion party lines" into provincial politics, and after discussion it was adopted. At the convention held this year at New Westminster a resolution was moved to rescind the motion passed last year, but received hardly any support, therefore on the vote it was defeated. The original resolution, upon being put by the president, was carried unanimously. Now, Mr. Editor, the statement of your correspondent that "they will only contend for party lines in districts where Conservative candidates will have a reasonable chance of success" is one that was never discussed at the convention in the manner he suggests, therefore his contention that party lines would be introduced in certain districts in a cowardly manner" is only a delusion of his fertile imagination and nothing more. I am thankful to say, however, that such a protest is not called for, and if L. C. had been tried to the convention he would never have tried to twist the words used in the resolution in the ungenerous manner he has in his letter.

L. C. is very much against party lines and says from all parts of the province come complaints of "the injury that has been done by the decision of the convention." I am sorry that a few of the friends of L. C., especially his Liberal friends, are feeling so badly, for I could tell a different story. I hear it said, but I can hardly credit what I hear, that the trouble, if there is anything like real trouble, has come and is being worked up by an influence both Liberal and Conservative in Victoria. I am not a follower of the present government, although I approve of some of their actions, yet I am in a position to know that if Victorian Conservatives are advised to listen to the articles written in your paper upon this question it will bring disaster to Victoria. As Conservatives we can all work together and for me government for the benefit of the whole province, but much as I admire the Hon. Mr. Turner, I know that his best friends will feel compelled to vote against anything like the resurrection of the "Turner party," and this means a return of the late at-

torney general and his party or a continuation of the present government with a good working majority. I am not writing merely from hearsay, but I am in a position to know that I am speaking the truth. I very much appreciate the advice given by L. C. at the close of his letter, and it is so good that I will repeat it in regard to the platform laid down at the late convention. This policy is "a bold and aggressive policy," therefore as Conservatives we must together stand firm "through evil or good report, in fine weather or foul, in the face of certain defeat, or with the glad acclaim that presages victory, a resolute, determined front must ever be presented to the foe." The resolution of the convention was laid down as a principle to be fought for against all odds, and every true Conservative will join in the fight.

C. J. S.

LUMBER IN KOOTENAY.

Plans of an Important Combination of Interests Just Formed There.

The big lumber combine which is to control the milling interests of Kootenay and the Boundary country has just been incorporated with a capital of \$500,000. It will include eight mills having a daily capacity of over 500,000 feet, and the timber reserves behind it are estimated at 500,000,000 feet. Louis Blue, P. Genelle, James Poupart and A. Fisher are the backers of the new corporation, which will be known as the Yale-Columbia Lumber Company, Limited. The head office will be at Greenwood.

"There will be no raise in the price of lumber," said Mr. Genelle in discussing the situation with a Rossland Record reporter. "The consolidation is chiefly to perfect our facilities for supplying the public and also to secure economy in management. With the mills operated separately it is often a difficult matter to maintain supplies. With the combination each mill will be in a position to help any of the others in a pinch, and the result will be great advantages all around. The mills include P. Genelle & Co.'s at Nakusp, capacity 150,000 feet every 24 hours, Genelle & Co.'s plant at Robson, capacity 150,000 feet, my plant here with a capacity of 70,000 feet, and my plant at Ymir of 35,000 feet. They will also include the four mills owned by myself and A. Fisher in the Boundary. Their location and capacity is: Phoenix 30,000 feet, Elkhorn 40,000 feet, Rock Creek 40,000 feet, and Long Lake 30,000 feet. In addition to these the company will erect four mills over the boundary at points not yet settled.

"Our reserves are located all over the Arrow lakes and through the Boundary district. We have timber lands under Dominion and Provincial grants, as well as by virtue of leases from claim owners and the railway companies. I should

say that the amount of timber now standing on our territory is close to half a billion feet. It was at first proposed to have the head offices in Rossland, but as so many small mills will be located around Greenwood, that place was chosen instead. The officers of the company have not yet been chosen and I cannot say who they will be. The whole of our capital stock, amounting to \$500,000, will be held by P. Genelle, J. Poupart, J. Genelle, A. Fisher, and myself. None will be offered to the public."

Secure your tickets early for the Bengough concert to-night at the A. O. U. W. hall. On sale at Capt. Warren's, opposite Lombard's music store, Fort street.

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GOOD PLAYS THE ORDER.

Hoyt's "Stranger in New York Proves Better Than Ever—Edwin Mayo's Return on Monday."

So far as this part of the West is concerned "A Stranger in New York," with whom Vieterlans had the pleasure of renewing acquaintance yesterday evening, has won the rating of best of all Hoyt's multitudinous productions, and won it altogether on the merit of play and players. Of the first it may be said that it has in the Stranger, as individualized by Mr. Paul F. Nicholson, Jr., the most consistently sustained legitimate comedy type that the American farce-maker has yet given to the stage; while the fantastic skeleton of the plot is just sufficient to bear easily and naturally the bubbling, fun-crowded dialogue, punctuated with specialties of the most modern and superior class. The company that had the honor of conquering Victorians last night was made up of even better material than that of 1898; for while none could be engaged to improve upon the work of Messrs. Nicholson, Harry Rogers and Tom Martin—in the title part, the "L. Collier Down," and the "Baron Sands"—the cast has been strengthened in other quarters, in fact wherever changes have been made, and the musical efficiency of the company has been vastly augmented through the enlistment of the veteran operator basso Douglas Flint, and a really magnificent tenor, Mr. George Tallman. The latter's solo in the second act of the rapidly moving comedy is to be classed among the musical gems, not of the one evening alone, but of the season. The "Hattie" of Miss Norton is bewitchingly chic; and Miss Kirby makes the most of the part of "May Katzen," undoubtedly the weakest characterization in the farce. It was this role that Miss Camille Cleveland played in for more seasons—until upon her marriage with Mr. Main she bade farewell to the allurements of footlight fame. Included in the new specialties presented by the members of the Stranger's retinue is the artistic drawing-room interlude by Mr. Stanley Grant and Miss Norton—the former introducing clever imitations of various well-known actors; and Miss Norton whining golden opalines with a dainty monologue that is quite as original and refreshing in both its style and quality, as it is thoroughly artistic. No cleaner or prettier a bit of vaudeville has yet been offered to the West—indeed such artists as Miss Norton and her co-worker give a new meaning to the much abused classification of vaudeville, raising it far above the plane of ordinariness.

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NAVIGATION CLOSING.

Father Point, Nov. 22.—With the passing inward to-day of the steamers Mayflower and Hamburg and Antwerp, and Andromeda from Shields, the last of the ocean steamer to arrive in the St. Lawrence this season has reached these waters.

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ITALY'S PLAIN DUTY.

Rome, Nov. 23.—Menotti and Ricciotti Garibaldi, the sons of the famous Italian patriot, have written to the newspapers, protesting against the demonstration summoned by the Young Garibaldis in favor of the Boers. They declare that Italy must remain the friend of England, who helped her and particularly the Garibaldis in the wars that culminated in Italian independence.

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CHINESE RAILWAY.

Shanghai, Nov. 23.—Advices from Tientsin say that the negotiations of the American syndicate for the Hanke-Can ton railroad have been brought to a successful termination.

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Train for Colwood leaves Saturday, 25th, leaves E. & N. depot at 2 p.m., returning leaves Colwood at 5:15 p.m. *

TAFFY FOR QUEEN REGENT.

London, Nov. 24.—The Madrid correspondent of the Standard says: "The Spanish ambassador in London has telephoned the Spanish government that after the Windsor banquet Emperor William requested him to convey his Majesty's thanks to the Queen Regent for the welcome given to the German Princess and the mission bearing the Cross of the Black Eagle for the young King. Empress Augusta and the Queen also expressed their admiration, the ambassador says, for the tact and success with which the Queen Regent rules over Spain."

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FIRE ALARM SYSTEM.

3—Birdcage Walk and Superior street James Bay.

4—Carr and Simcoe streets, James Bay.

5—Michigan and Menzies streets, James Bay.

6—Menzies and Niagara streets, James Bay.

7—Montreal and Kingston streets, James Bay.

8—Montreal and Simcoe streets, James Bay.

9—Dalton Road and Simcoe street, James Bay.

You might as well compare a
Tunk Line Railway with a
corduroy road as Blue
Ribbon Beylon with any
other tea

PROVINCIAL NEWS.

GRAND FORKS.

Grand Forks, Nov. 21.—There appears to be no end of trouble over the shipment of machinery and other freight over the C.P.R. to Republic. It was thought all difficulties in the form of United States customs regulations had been removed, but Col. Heustis, the United States customs officer at Port Townsend, has written a letter to the C.P.R. authorities saying the treasury department at Washington has decided that shipments as proposed cannot be allowed because of the violation of a section of the law regarding the breaking of the seals on shipments before they reach the boundary line. As it is now, shipments for Republic come over the C.P.R. to the Grand Forks depot, and the seals are there broken, and the consignments loaded into wagons and hauled several miles through British territory before reaching the boundary line at Nelson.

Travelling Freight Agent McDonald went to Republic Thursday, carrying with him a petition to the secretary of the treasury at Washington setting forth the hardships that will fall upon the mine owners and shippers generally if shipments via Grand Forks are prohibited. It is proposed to have the Mountain Lion, Republic, and Republic Reduction Company people, all of whom are going to build big mills, sign this petition, and forward it at once.

These three concerns have nearly 2,000,000 pounds of machinery coming for their mills, and they want the shortest possible wagon haul to it, so they are anxious to have it come via Grand Forks. Two or three carloads of the Mountain Lion machinery are already here, and some of it has been actually unloaded and placed on wagons and started to Republic. This may be turned back, and may have to be reloaded on the cars and sent around to Rossburg.

Altogether there is a most unhappy and unfortunate state of affairs. The loss and inconvenience to Republic mine owners and shippers would be enormous, and it is not impossible that there will be a sort of indignation meeting in the big reservation camp.

If the C.P.R. had a line down to the boundary line at Carson there would be no trouble, for shipments could then be sent through in bond with the seals unbroken, till they could reach American territory. The C.P.R. already has a line surveyed out to Carson, which is but three miles from the main line of the road at the Grand Forks station. It is a level prairie almost the entire distance, and the cost of running a spur out there would be very small. The C.P.R. may conclude to build this spur, especially in view of the probable construction at an early day of a rail-road from Republic up to the British Columbia boundary line in order that Republic ores may come to the Grizzly smelter here. It is understood that the Republic Mining Company have asked President Hill of the Great Northern, if he will get out of the way and permit them to use the right of way down the Curlew and Nettle River valleys to Grand Forks. It is expected the matter will be decided in a few days. If the Republic company build they are ready to commence at once and have the road running within three months. Altogether the situation is a most interesting one.

K. H. Hays, superintendent of the Granite and Banner mine, Camp McKinley, is in town on his way to Toronto and other Eastern points. Negotiations for the sale of this free milling proposition to a Canadian syndicate are now in progress. "With a five-stamp mill," said Mr. Hays to your correspondent, "we have been turning out a gold brick weekly since the 1st of June. The output according to the richness of the ore has varied in these periodical clean-ups, from \$355 to \$367. The ledge has been proven by a series of workings including open cuts and shafts, the main shaft having attained a depth of 1,100 feet. Owing to the facility with which the ore can be removed we are working in a forty foot wide space from the end of a tunnel eighty feet long. A crosscut in this working has shown the ledge to be eighteen feet wide and gives values ranging from \$17 to \$40 per ton. Employing only ten men the average of net profits every month exceed \$340. As soon as a large plant is installed, proportionate results will be achieved."

Grand Forks, Nov. 18.—Thos. Parkinson, president of the Pathfinder, returned to-day from a visit to the property with the intelligence that No. 3 shaft, started several months ago, is now in ore at a depth of twenty-five feet. Sinking will be continued. Shipping ore has been disclosed in every working of the mine. It was expected to cut the ledge at a depth of 65 feet, so encountering the ore at 25 feet, or 35 feet from the foot wall, was a great surprise to the owners.

Phil. Aspinall, president and general manager of the Butte and Boston mine at Republic, is in town on his way to Deadwood camp for the purpose of starting work on the Standard, a claim in which he owns a half interest. The property adjoins the Mother Lode. Mr. Aspinall reports the Butte and Boston as looking well. In addition to extensive tunnelling, a shaft has been sunk 40 feet. A forty forty-hp. boiler, hoist and pump were recently installed.

In another trial an iron shell of 132 pounds weight and seven inches diameter was loaded with only four pounds of the new explosive and placed inside a square enclosure strongly built of steel. Connection was made by wire between the shell and an electric circuit. The purpose of the steel enclosure was to collect the flying fragments of the shell; in other words, to test its "fragmenting power." An electric button was touched, and after the explosion several men were delegated to gather up the scraps of iron within the enclosure. They counted 20,000 visible fragments.

To determine destructive power, shells which had been used were fired from a 2½-inch Sims-Dudley gun down the beach at Sandy Hook. Great "craters" left in the sand were sufficient proof that thorite is as powerful as the strongest blasting gelatine.

Thorite shells, it was proven, cannot explode save by the aid of a certain time fuse or detonator devised by the inventor. In other words, it can be hammered and battered around during transportation and subjected to various temperatures, loaded in either cans or shells. No accident can occur unless the detonator is attached and set. The new explosive, furthermore, needs no particular make of shell, but can be put in any. Another advantage is that its power does not weaken during long storage.

The ordnance department has already

shipped to Dr. Tuttle sufficient raw material to manufacture several thousand pounds of the explosive within the next two months. The finished product will be placed in shells of 3.2-inch calibre, for light artillery guns, to be sent to the Philippines.

The war department has just purchased a dozen Maxim mountain guns, of the same type as used by the British in their Khartoum, Omdurman and Transvaal campaigns. These will soon arrive in Manila, and shells for them will also be supplied, although the department has ordered 8,000 rounds of ammunition, such as used with them in Europe. These new guns, together with those of the regular artillery, all throwing thorite shells, will dislodge the rebels from their ambush shelters in swamps and canes.

Thorite will be adopted for our great coast defense howitzers, as soon as they are completed. Large shells will be manufactured to fit them. After the army shall have successfully used the invention, the navy will adopt it. By its means, each fighting ship can create greater havoc than did the dynamite cruiser in the Spanish war.

The adoption of thorite puts the United States upon an equality with France and England in respect to high explosives. It has been the boast of these two nations that they excel in ability to safely fire highly combustible shells with gunpowder. Lyddite, the English, and nitro, the French, explosive are practically the same.—New York Herald.

GENERAL'S IN AFRICA.

Characteristics of the Men Leading the Three Divisions Already Under Way.

It is to Gen. Gatacre that service men tacitly defer to most as their strongest man. A sparse, wiry man in his early fifties, serious and courteous, without much to say, Gatacre is probably not a hero with Tommy Atkins, or even among his immediate subordinates. The admiration expressed for him is severely professional.

He is a hard man physically and keeps himself so by work. His officers are enthusiastic over his willingness to sleep in a ditch full of water as soon as in a camp bed, but there is a note of regret in their voices as they recall that he expects those about him to be as scrupulously indifferent to personal comfort; yet it was semi-civil work that brought him first into prominence. He organized and directed the plague relief work two years ago in Bombay. Last year he was again master of his opportunities when he received command of a brigade in the Soudan campaign. This is his first responsible work in South Africa, and he is chosen for it because the heads of the army have found that he is vigorous, thorough and not self-advertiser.

His service senior, Lord Methuen, is of another stamp altogether. Tall, pleasant-faced, it is not easy to reconcile his frankly amiable looks with the systematically self-hardening that is the characteristic of Gen. Gatacre. In his younger days Lord Methuen saw varied service in South Africa, where he organized Methuen's Horse, a body of irregular cavalry, who did police duty on the outskirts of Cape civilization.

The third commandant of division, Gen. Clery, is an Irishman, and looks it. Tall, grizzily-black, with florid aquiline features and thick whiskers growing high on his cheek bones, he suggests at once a fighting general out of one of Leyrer's war stories. His military appearance slightly belies a quiet, reserved manner.

The staffs of these commands are keen working soldiers who have been active in most fighting since they were youngsters.

The prevalent belief is that Sir Redvers Buller will enter Pretoria early in February. His part of his plan of campaign, they say, is to inflict one signal overwhelming defeat on the enemy before the final smaller operations.

KRUGER'S MEDICAL MAN.

W. H. Groves, of Burnhampton, writing to the Brampton Conservator, says: "In the midst of this South African excitement, it may be interesting to Canadians, and especially to Peel county people, to know that President Kruger's private medical adviser is a Canadian, being none other than Paul Gillespie, who practised in Streetsville for a few months about eight years ago, going from there to Penetanguishene, and later to the Transvaal. Dr. Gillespie, who was in college with myself, I believe, is a native of Cambridge, and a son of Dr. Gillespie, of that town. He is a Presbyterian, a Conservative, and a good physician, and with such a combination of commendable characteristics should be able to exercise some favorable influence over his distinguished but stubborn patient."

That thorite could be fired with perfect safety and without possible danger to gun or gunner was readily demonstrated by numerous tests. It was fired from guns of various sizes by both black and smokeless powder. That intense heat brought in contact with it could not affect it in any way was proved by the inventor in a striking test. He heated a poker red hot and thrust it into a 20-pound can of the explosive, without any perceptible result.

Other tests demonstrated that not even the pressure of the heaviest siege guns—40,000 pounds to the square inch—could affect it.

A 12-inch service shell with thirty-nine pounds of thorite was fired from a huge sea-coast rifle. No fuse was fixed.

The explosive shell withstood the enormous pressure caused by the explosion of 450 pounds of brown powder at its base, and went out to sea without uttering a sound or suffering destruction.

That this new element of warfare would not explode from the shock of impact, but would leap its harvest of death at any moment desired by the gunner, was proved in a more fascinating series of secret tests. Ten-inch shells filled with it were left without fuses, and were first fired through huge pieces of Harveyized steel armor plate. Regardless of the terrible shock and tremendous friction, these shells did not explode.

In another trial an iron shell of 132 pounds weight and seven inches diameter was loaded with only four pounds of the new explosive and placed inside a square enclosure strongly built of steel.

Connection was made by wire between the shell and an electric circuit. The purpose of the steel enclosure was to collect the flying fragments of the shell; in other words, to test its "fragmenting power."

An electric button was touched, and after the explosion several men were delegated to gather up the scraps of iron within the enclosure. They counted 20,000 visible fragments.

To determine destructive power, shells which had been used were fired from a 2½-inch Sims-Dudley gun down the beach at Sandy Hook. Great "craters" left in the sand were sufficient proof that thorite is as powerful as the strongest blasting gelatine.

Thorite shells, it was proven, cannot explode save by the aid of a certain time fuse or detonator devised by the inventor. In other words, it can be hammered and battered around during transportation and subjected to various temperatures, loaded in either cans or shells. No accident can occur unless the detonator is attached and set. The new explosive, furthermore, needs no particular make of shell, but can be put in any. Another advantage is that its power does not weaken during long storage.

The ordnance department has already

It is Incontrovertible!

The Editor of the "Christian Monitor," under the heading of General Notes, on August 20, 1890, wrote:

"A good article still stands upon its own merits, and we may rely upon it that nothing will continue long which does not, in one way or other, harmonize with the statements which are published concerning it."

Mr. Hall Calne,

Author of "The Decembrist," "The Manxman," "The Christian," etc., when speaking of "Criticism," recently, said:

"When a thing that is advertised greatly is good it goes and goes persistently; when it fails it goes for a while, then it finds it out."

The Proprietor of

BEECHAM'S PILLS

has said over and over again—

"It is a fallacy to imagine that anything will sell just because it is advertised. How many nostrums have been started with great aplomb, out in glorified. The fact is, a man must satisfy a second time, and every dissatisfied purchaser does ten times harm than one satisfied does good. Accordingly the sale of more than 6,000,000 boxes of BEECHAM'S PILLS per annum, is conclusive testimony of their popularity, superiority and proverbial worth."

Beecham's Pills have for many years been the popular choice medicine wherever the English language is spoken, and they now stand without a rival. In boxes, 25 cents each, at all drug stores.

Handy List of Victoria Firms

BAKERS AND CONFECTIONERS.

M. R. SMITH & CO., Victoria, B.C., Manufacturers of all kinds of Plain and Fancy Biscuits and Cakes.

BOOK EXCHANGE.

CASHMORES, 103 Douglas street; buys and exchanges all kinds of books and novels.

DRAYMAN.

JOSEPH HEANEY, Truck and Drayman, Office 20 Yates street; stables 110 Superior street; telephone 171.

FUNERAL DIRECTOR & EMBALMER.

CHAS. HAYWARD, 52 Government street.

HARDWARE.

E. G. PRIOR & CO.—Hardware and Agricultural Implements. Cor. Johnson and Government.

HICKMAN TIE HARDWARE CO., LTD.—Importers of iron, steel, hardware, pipe fittings, cutlery, etc. Making an milling supplies a specialty.

IRONWORKS.

VICTORIA MACHINERY DEPOT CO., Ltd., (late Spratt & Gray)—Engineers, founders, supplies, etc., 17 and 19 Work street. Telephone 570.

LIVERY AND TRANSFERS.

VICTORIA TRUCK & DRAY CO.—Telephone 13.

MINING BROKERS.

BEN. WILLIAMS & CO., 44 Fort street, mining brokers and operators. Stocks and shares sold on commission. Correspondence solicited.

NOVELTY WORKS.

L. HAFFER, general machinist, 150 Government street.

STEAM COFFEE AND SPICE MILLS.

STEMLER & EARLE, Coffee, spices, mustard and baking powders, Pembroke st., near Government.

PLUMBERS.

E. F. GEIGER, sanitary plumbing, gas and hot water fitting. Tel. 228.

PHOTOGRAPHERS.

PHOTOGRAPHIC SUPPLIES—R. Maynard 41 Pandora street—All kinds of photographic material for amateurs and professionals; Kodak cameras, Korona, Prismas, etc. Same block Mrs. Maynard's Art Studio; also views of British Columbia and Alaska for sale.

Same Block—Maynard's Shoe and Fitting store, 41 Pandora street; boots, shoes, leather and shoe findings; "K" boots, a specialty.

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL BUTCHERS.

L. GOODERE, Contractor by aptt. to Royal Navy and Dominion Government. Tel. 32.

THE BRITISH COLUMBIA MARKET CO. LTD., Govt' and Yates sts., Butchers and Packers; wholesale and retail dealers in fresh, salted and smoked meats, lard, etc., branch, Vancouver.

STEAM DYE WORKS.

PAISLEY DYE WORKS—Tel. 410. The old reliable. Established 1885. 114½ Yates street.

BRITISH COLUMBIA—Tel. 200—Largest estd.; country orders solicited. 111 Yates street.

SCAVENGERS.

ED. LINES, General Scavenger, 236 Yates street—Yards, etc., cleaned. Orders left at Seven Broads, 101 Douglas street. F. J. LECKIE, Schneider Bros., corner Michan and Menzies will be promptly attended to.

PETER HANSEN, city scavenger, teamster and wood dealer. Building sand and gravel for sale. Address, 49 Discovery street. Telephone 184.

CARTERS.

EDWARD CARTER, 111 Yates street—Carters of Victoria. We specialize in the removal of household goods, furniture, pianos, etc. We also do heavy moving.

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THE WEATHER.

Meteorological Office,
Victoria, Nov. 23-8 p.m.
SYNOPSIS.

An extensive low pressure area is hovering off Vancouver Island and the North Pacific States. It is causing rain over Western Washington and gales along the Coast. The barometer is high over California, and is rising throughout the Canadian Territories, accompanied by fair and moderately cool weather.

TEMPERATURES.

	Min.	Max.
Victoria	48	56
New Westminster	46	48
Kelowna	45	56
Barkerville	30	40
Calgary	28	44
Winnipeg	28	34
Portland, Ore.	48	56
San Francisco	48	58

FORECASTS.

For 24 hours from 5 a.m. (Pacific time)

Friday: Victoria and vicinity—Fresh to high east and south winds; unsettled, with occasional rains.

Lower Mainland—Fresh to strong easterly winds; rain.

VICTORIA DAILY RECORD.

Report for 24 hours ending 5 p.m. Observations taken daily at 5 a.m., noon, and 5 p.m.

THURSDAY, Nov. 23.

Deg. Deg.

5 a.m. 51 Mean 52
Noon 54 Highest 56
5 p.m. 54 Lowest 48

The velocity and direction of the wind were as follows:

5 a.m. 20 miles east.
Noon 22 miles southeast.
5 p.m. 11 miles west.

Average state of weather—Cloudy.

Rain—0.

Sunshine—24 minutes.

Barometer at noon—Observed 29.816

Corrected 29.788

PASSENGERS.

By steamer Charmer from Vancouver.

R. Colister. H. C. Walters.

W. R. Jackson. J. H. Adams.

E. V. Bodwell. R. Franklin.

A. C. Flumerfelt. E. Johnston.

E. Evans. J. K. Johnson.

GEO. MCL. BROWN. G. Billott.

L. H. Hardie. N. Pototsky.

Antony Morrison. J. B. Simpson.

W. T. Gregory. Guy Macgowan.

H. Shaw. H. L. Salmon.

J. H. Friend. J. L. Boschwitz.

John Coughlan. T. Turner.

W. A. Campbell. J. Simms.

T. B. Redmond. Stella Andrews.

E. P. Davis. A. Johnson.

By steamer Victorian from the Sound:

R. R. Spencer. W. H. Lynet.

N. S. Duggest. Frank Moffatt.

M. Morton. Dr. Phillips.

A. Thirklement. Mrs. Phillips.

H. Rogers. S. Grant.

Miss Ruby. Capt. Sunburn.

M. Hooker. H. C. Stockton.

Mrs. Hooker. Mrs. Thompson.

M. Martin. R. C. Redding.

Mrs. Martin. P. Case.

Dr. Carteron. M. Preston.

G. A. Cameron. Mrs. Mrs. Mrs.

John Von Sycklin. S. Satway.

John Haggerty. H. Jones.

A. J. Bayder. F. Phillips.

F. Baldwin. F. Logmaker.

Mr. Talmur. N. J. Bauer.

Mrs. O'Brien. J. C. Parker.

Mrs. West. O. B. Tyler.

Chas. A. Butler. B. F. McCull.

By steamer Louise from Westminster:

F. Cawley. W. Gillespie.

J. A. Tingley. C. Grotti.

Mrs. Richardson. J. C. Tait.

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Soldiers Have Piles.

CHAFING AND ITCHING SKIN, AND LEARN THE INESTIMABLE WORTH OF DR. CHASE'S OINTMENT.

Among the many discomforts which come to the soldier as a result of exposure to cold or of wetness, may be mentioned piles, chafing and itching skin. Piles, irritations could be of as much value to the soldier in camp as Dr. Chase's Ointment. It is an instant relief for allitching of the skin, and is a speedy cure for piles.

Ex-Sergeant William Johnston, of the Tenth Royal Grenadiers, Toronto, one of the most popular regiments in Ontario, writes:

"It is impossible for me to speak too highly of Dr. Chase's Ointment for piles or any itching skin disease. It is simply invaluable. Many of our men used it while in camp, and received excellent results."

Dr. Chase's Ointment has been acknowledged the world over as the standard ointment, and the only remedy that will permanently cure piles—60 cents a box at all dealers, or Edmansons, Bates & Co., Toronto.

Bronchitis and all throat troubles are positively cured by Dr. Chase's Syrup of Linseed and Turpentine.

The Event of the Season.—Hunt Club races at Colwood Saturday, 25th. E. & N. train leaves at 2 p.m.

Coal Mines

Arbitration.

Chinese at Union and Extension Have Not Endangered the White Miners.

Unfair That Reading Test Should Be for English Language Only.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Nanaimo, Nov. 22.—To-day was the seventh day of the coal mines arbitration. All the morning was taken up by the cross-examination of Thomas Morgan, the inspector of mines. He gave a description of the duties of the different officials of the mines. The overmen, firemen and shottimers were constantly moving around the mine. He was not opposed to poor Chinese, but they should be kept where they were safe—up above ground. He had been at Union and Extension mines as inspector and had no complaint as to working because of accidents. On Monday two white men had, as reported, gone over the fence against directions and set off gas. In giving notices to remove Chinamen he acted on a letter from the minister of mines, giving power to remove persons unable to read and speak English. There had been no serious accidents at Union mine although Chinese were employed there. Union mine was not bad. Chinese have not a monopoly of accidents. He had set off gas himself.

In the afternoon seven witnesses were called on behalf of the collieries. Andrew Bryden, manager of the Wellington Extension mine in question, deposed that the Chinese understood sufficient to carry out directions. Yee Tuck, one of the Chinamen ordered out, was called to give evidence as to his duties. Robert Skinner, Yee Tuck's employer, considered him perfectly safe and an intelligent workman. Ah Kee, another Chinaman ordered out, gave evidence to his duties. John C. Johnson, another Chinaman also described his position in the mine. He thought Chinese were safe, but it would make them better to be able to read the rules.

William Ross, a fire boss who had 22 years' experience in Scotland and here, considered all the Chinese employed in Extension mine perfectly safe. They could understand directions. William Bailey, another fire boss, a miner of 45 years' experience, thought Chinese safe. He thought it a good rule that miners should be able to read the rules, but did not see why the requirement should be only as printed in English. He did not see why a man, because he spoke another tongue, should be ordered out. Why not print rules in Chinese? In Wales rules were printed in Welsh and English.

The arbitration adjourned at 4 p.m. to Tuesday next.

SALMON CANNING INTERESTS.

Anxious to Enlist Canadian Capital for Further Development of the Industry—A Daylight Robbery.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, Nov. 23.—Rumor has it that several prominent cannerymen are trying to have all the cannerymen of British Columbia meet with a view of forming a plan by which Canadian capital may be induced if thought advisable to form a strong syndicate for the purpose of amalgamating all cannery interests in the province and running them as one concern, the present cannerymen to receive part cash and part stock for their holdings to be turned over to the new concern. It is said that Eastern capitalists who have recently purchased and combined large interests, have been considering the matter. The New York offer recently mentioned, it is reported, has not yet been seriously considered owing to the dissatisfaction of some of the larger concerns with the terms of purchase.

The register of the Balmoral was robbed of \$17 by a sneak thief in broad daylight to-day.

The three Indians drowned in the inlet yesterday were Ambrose, his wife and a woman named Angule. Angule's husband has offered \$10 for the recovery of his wife's body.

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GERMAN SENTIMENT.

While People Freely Take Sides Government Is Scrupulously Neutral in the War.

Washington, Nov. 23.—The German ambassador, Dr. Von Holleben, in the course of an informal talk to-day with a representative of the Associated Press, spoke of his recent visit to Europe and of some of his observations thereon and the trend of sentiment on international questions. Concerning the war in South Africa, the ambassador said:

"The sentiment in Europe, so far as I was able to observe, is one of profound public interest and complete neutrality. In a conflict of this character the public takes sides. It is the same as here in the United States, for I have noticed since my return that opinion is divided here. This public sentiment in Germany and elsewhere simply shows the free play which is given to individual opinion. But it is quite different from the attitude of the government, which is scrupulously pure, neither showing favor nor disfavor to either side. And, so far as I observed, this is the attitude throughout Europe, for while there has been much loose conjecture in the press concerning intervention, such a step does not seem to have had the slightest consideration in official quarters."

The ambassador was asked concerning Emperor William's present visit to England and the significance which had been attached to it. "This visit," he said, "was arranged some time last summer, and I have reason to believe it is a family and private trip. But I suppose it is quite natural that members of the imperial party should show attention and enthusiasm, and if gossips draw deductions contributing to the existing good feeling it certainly will be most welcome."

A YOUNG STUDENT'S SHAME.

Facing Murderer's Doom Through Infatuation for Worthless Woman.

Wilmington, Del., Nov. 23.—The trial of Monty A. Cole, of Canada, the young student of the dental department of the University of Pennsylvania, charged with the murder of William A. Montgomery, of Camden, Del., his rival for the affections of Miss Edna Wilson, an inmate of a house in this city, began today. After the jury had been drawn, Attorney-General Cooper made the opening address for the state after which the court took recess. On May 17 last Cole came here on a hunt for the woman. He carried a baseball bat which he threatened would soon be covered with gore. Meeting Montague and the woman he struck the former with the club, Montague died a few days later.

HALF MILLION FOR GOOD NAME.

How a Leader of Men in Philadelphia Gave Cause to Respect His Memory.

Philadelphia, Nov. 23.—James McManes, who for many years was the acknowledged Republican leader of this city, died to-day in his seventy-eighth year.

He organized the People's Bank and remained its president until its failure two years ago, after its cashier, John Hopkins, had committed suicide. With the affairs of the bank in a very much involved condition and owing considerable money, the veteran leader, then feeble and as many believed near death's door, took from his private fortune over \$500,000 and reimbursed depositors and other creditors and closed the bank's doors forever without its owing a dollar.

FOR CRUELTY TO CATTLE.

Lehigh Valley Railway in Court for Keeping Them Too Long in Cars.

Philadelphia, Nov. 23.—The jury in the case of the United States against the Lehigh Valley Railway Company to recover a penalty for alleged violation of the law in carrying cattle over the road for 31 hours without food or water today disagreed. The law provides that animals shall not be confined in cars for more than 28 hours without having food, water and rest. The government contended that in August, 1898, five carloads of cattle intended for use of soldiers were shipped from Chicago over the Grand Trunk, which connects with the Lehigh Valley road at Suspension bridge, and that the Lehigh Valley violated the law while carrying them to New York.

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ENGLISH WAR SONGS.

Stirring and patriotic "war-songs" are all the rage in London, and so great is the demand that song publishers can not print the music fast enough. Even numerous editions of such songs as "Tommy Atkins" and "The Soldiers of the Queen," three or four years old though they may be, are selling like wildfire (says the London Mail).

Every one must have heard "Tommy Atkins," and during the Diamond Jubilee year "The Soldiers of the Queen," or, at any rate, be perfectly familiar with their respective choruses; but the up-to-date ballads with patriotic refrains may not be so familiar.

A distinct outcome of the Boer trouble can be traced in "Under the Same Old Flag," and even the highly colored lithographed cover of the song overflows with loyalty, defining it as "New South Wales Loyal ready to do and die for the Mother Country, and in the act of singing:

"Let your voices ring for England,

"And your banners wave on high;

"Brave hearts are burning,

"Ready there to die,

"When the sword is drawn for freedom

"There's not a boy behind will drag

"England's our mother, and we know no other—"

Under the same old flag!"

"Another Little Patch of Red" is a song that is having an enormous sale; and this is even more up-to-date than the one just quoted, for it contains a verse that takes in the Transvaal situation right up to President Kruger's ultimatum, followed by a chorus the significance of which can not be mistaken:

"If they want to get the pull on old John Bull,

"They'll have to get up early out of bed;

"As again they've had a slap